
SENATE BILL No. 169

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 5-10-10.

Synopsis: Special death benefit for chaplains. Authorizes a special death benefit for a chaplain who: (1) is appointed or officially designated to serve a state law enforcement agency, a full-time police or fire department of a political subdivision, or a volunteer fire department; and (2) dies in the line of duty.

Effective: July 1, 2007.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2006 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 5-10-10-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.43-2006,
- 2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "public safety officer"
- 4 means any of the following:
- 5 (1) A state police officer.
- 6 (2) A county sheriff.
- 7 (3) A county police officer.
- 8 (4) A correctional officer.
- 9 (5) An excise police officer.
- 10 (6) A county police reserve officer.
- 11 (7) A city police reserve officer.
- 12 (8) A conservation enforcement officer.
- 13 (9) A town marshal.
- 14 (10) A deputy town marshal.
- 15 (11) A probation officer.
- 16 (12) A state university, college, or junior college police officer
- 17 appointed under IC 20-12-3.5.



(13) A police officer whose employer purchases coverage under section 4.5 of this chapter.

(14) An emergency medical services provider (as defined in IC 16-41-10-1) who is:

(A) employed by a political subdivision (as defined in IC 36-1-2-13); and

(B) not eligible for a special death benefit under IC 36-8-6-20, IC 36-8-7-26, IC 36-8-7.5-22, or IC 36-8-8-20.

(15) A firefighter who is employed by the fire department of a state university.

(16) A firefighter whose employer purchases coverage under section 4.5 of this chapter.

(17) A member of a consolidated law enforcement department established under IC 36-3-1-5.1.

(18) A gaming agent of the Indiana gaming commission.

(19) A person who is:

(A) employed by a political subdivision (as defined in IC 36-1-2-13); and

(B) appointed as a special deputy under IC 36-8-10-10.6.

(20) A chaplain who meets the requirements of section 4.7 of this chapter.

SECTION 2. IC 5-10-10-4.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 4.7. (a) As used in this section, "eligible chaplain" means an individual who is appointed or officially designated to serve, with or without compensation, as a chaplain of any of the following:**

(1) A law enforcement agency (as defined in IC 4-33-2-11.6).

(2) A full-time police department of a political subdivision (as defined in IC 36-1-2-13).

(3) A full-time fire department of a political subdivision (as defined in IC 36-1-2-13).

(4) A volunteer fire department (as defined in IC 36-8-12-2).

(b) An eligible chaplain who dies as a direct result of personal injury or illness resulting from the eligible chaplain's performance of duties as a chaplain for the agency or department that the eligible chaplain was appointed or officially designated to serve is eligible for a special death benefit from the fund in the same manner as any other public safety officer is eligible for a benefit from the fund.

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